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In re application of: Phadnis *et al.*

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Keep-alive Messages of  
Point-to-point Sessions

Attorney Docket No.: CSCO-002/3557

**Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted prior to receiving any office action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to the examination of the subject application on the merits.

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**Amendments to the specification** begin at page number 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page number 16 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, 10 beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.

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